

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS PRINCIPLES**

1. Preparedness and improvisation are foundations of emergency management.
2. Preparedness is a continuous process.
3. Preparedness reduces unknowns during an emergency.
4. Preparedness is an educational activity.
5. Preparedness is based on knowledge.
6. Preparedness evokes appropriate action.
7. Resistance to emergency preparedness is a given.
8. Modest planning is a reasonable goal.

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